AMENDMENT

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended): A method for interactively manipulating a graphical hierarchy including a plurality of nodes, said method comprising:

selecting a second node in the hierarchy, wherein the second node is different from a first node, the first node being a root node of the hierarchy;

providing a view of the hierarchy wherein the second node is the root node of the viewer; and

wherein selection of one of the plurality of nodes invokes a context-sensitive editor for information associated with the node;

wherein the context sensitive editor is different for different selected nodes and wherein when a top portal node is selected, the context sensitive editor allows for the creation of a new portal, the new portal being associated with a new node in the hierarchy below the top portal node and

wherein when a specific portal node below the top portal node is selected, the context sensitive editor allows for inputting field data concerning the specific portal;

wherein the portals are used to aggregate website content for access using the Internet;

wherein at least one desktop can be created and modified, the at least one desktop providing user-based views of a portal, entitlements on the at least one desktop allow the at least one desktop to be used by specific users or groups; and

wherein at least one selectable template is used to create the at least one desktop such that the at least one desktop is pre-configured with portal components.

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(Original): The method of claim 1, further comprising: restoring an original view of the hierarchy.

3. (Original): The method of claim 1, further comprising:

selecting a third node in the hierarchy, wherein the third node is different from the first node and the second node; and

providing a view of the hierarchy wherein the third node is the root node.

4. (Original): The method of claim 3, further comprising:

restoring a previous view of the hierarchy.

5. (Original): The method of claim 1 wherein:

the plurality of nodes represents information pertaining to portal resources.

6. (Original): The method of claim 1 wherein:

the view of the hierarchy is part of a portal administration tool.

7. (Currently Amended): A method for interactively manipulating a graphical hierarchy including a plurality of nodes, said method comprising:

selecting a second node in the hierarchy, wherein the second node is different from a first node, the first node being a root node of the hierarchy;

providing a view of the hierarchy wherein the second node is the root node of the viewer:

wherein selection of one of the plurality of nodes invokes a context-sensitive editor for information associated with the node; and

wherein the plurality of nodes represents information pertaining to portal resources; and wherein the view of the hierarchy is part of a portal administration tool;

wherein the context sensitive editor is different for different selected nodes and wherein when a top portal node is selected, the context sensitive editor allows for the creation of a new portal, the new portal being associated with a new node in the hierarchy below the top portal node and

wherein when a specific portal node below the top portal node is selected, the context sensitive editor allows for inputting field data concerning the specific portal:

wherein the portals are used to aggregate website content for access using the Internet:

wherein at least one desktop can be created and modified, the at least one desktop providing user-based views of a portal, entitlements on the at least one desktop allow the at least one desktop to be used by specific users or groups; and

wherein at least one selectable template is used to create the at least one desktop such that the at least one desktop is pre-configured with portal components.

- (Original): The method of claim 7, further comprising: restoring an original view of the hierarchy.
- 9. (Original): The method of claim 7, further comprising:

selecting a third node in the hierarchy, wherein the third node is different from the first node and the second node; and

providing a view of the hierarchy wherein the third node is the root node.

10. (Original): The method of claim 9, further comprising: restoring a previous view of the hierarchy.

11. (Currently Amended): An interactive tool for interactively manipulating a graphical hierarchy including a plurality of nodes, said method comprising:

means for selecting a first node in the hierarchy, wherein the first node is different from a root node of the hierarchy;

a graphical user interface (GUI) for providing a view of the hierarchy wherein the first node is the root node of the viewer, and

wherein selection of one of the plurality of nodes invokes a context-sensitive editor for information associated with the node;

wherein the context sensitive editor is different for different selected nodes and wherein when a top portal node is selected, the context sensitive editor allows for the creation of a new portal, the new portal being associated with a new node in the hierarchy below the top portal node and

wherein when a specific portal node below the top portal node is selected, the context sensitive editor allows for inputting field data concerning the specific portal; wherein the portals are used to aggregate website content for access using the Internet:

wherein at least one desktop can be created and modified, the at least one desktop providing user-based views of a portal, entitlements on the at least one desktop allow the at least one desktop to be used by specific users or groups; and

wherein at least one selectable template is used to create the at least one desktop such that the at least one desktop is pre-configured with portal components.

- 12. (Previously Presented): The tool of claim 11 wherein: the GUI can restore an original view of the hierarchy.
- 13. (Previously Presented): The tool of claim 11 wherein:

if a second node in the hierarchy is selected, the GUI can provide a view of the hierarchy wherein the second node is the root node; and

wherein the second node is a child of the first node.

- 14. (Previously Presented): The tool of claim 13 wherein: the GUI can restore a previous view of the hierarchy.
- 15. (Previously Presented): The tool of claim 11 wherein: the plurality of nodes represents information pertaining to portal resources.
- 16. (Previously Presented): The tool of claim 11 wherein: the view of the hierarchy is part of a portal administration tool.
- 17. (Currently Amended): A machine readable medium having instructions stored thereon that when executed by a processor cause a system to:

select a first node in the hierarchy, wherein the first node is different from a root node of the hierarchy:

provide a view of the hierarchy wherein the first node is the root node of the viewer, and

wherein selection of one of the plurality of nodes invokes a context-sensitive editor for information associated with the node:

wherein the context sensitive editor is different for different selected nodes and wherein when a top portal node is selected, the context sensitive editor allows for the creation of a new portal, the new portal being associated with a new node in the hierarchy below the top portal node and

wherein when a specific portal node below the top portal node is selected, the context sensitive editor allows for inputting field data concerning the specific nortal:

wherein the portals are used to aggregate website content for access using the Internet:

wherein at least one desktop can be created and modified, the at least one desktop providing user-based views of a portal, entitlements on the at least one desktop allow the at least one desktop to be used by specific users or groups; and

wherein at least one selectable template is used to create the at least one desktop such that the at least one desktop is pre-configured with portal components.

18. (Original): The method of claim 17, further comprising instructions that when executed cause the system to:

restore an original view of the hierarchy.

19. (Original): The method of claim 17, further comprising instructions that when executed cause the system to:

select a second node in the hierarchy, wherein the second node is a child of the first node; and

provide a view of the hierarchy wherein the second node is the root node.

20. (Original): The method of claim 19, further comprising instructions that when executed cause the system to:

restore a previous view of the hierarchy.

21. (Original): The method of claim 17 wherein:

the plurality of nodes represents information pertaining to portal resources.

22. (Original): The method of claim 17 wherein:

the view of the hierarchy is part of a portal administration tool.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Currently Amended): A method for interactively manipulating a graphical hierarchy including a plurality of nodes, said method comprising:

selecting a node in the hierarchy;

wherein selection of one of the plurality of nodes invokes a context-sensitive editor for information associated with the node;

wherein the context sensitive editor is different for different selected nodes and wherein when a top portal node is selected, the context sensitive editor allows for the creation of a new portal, the new portal being associated with a new node in the hierarchy below the top portal node and

wherein when a specific portal node below the top portal node is selected, the context sensitive editor allows for inputting field data concerning the specific portal;

wherein the portals are used to aggregate website content for access using the $\text{Internet}_{\underline{\lambda}}$

wherein at least one desktop can be created and modified, the at least one desktop providing user-based views of a portal, entitlements on the at least one desktop allow the at least one desktop to be used by specific users or groups; and

wherein at least one selectable template is used to create the at least one desktop such that the at least one desktop is pre-configured with portal components.